

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 9813  
Gerhard COUFAL : Docket No. 2001-0462A  
Serial No. 09/830,074 : Group Art Unit 1624  
Filed April 23, 2001 : Examiner V. Balasubramanian  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING PURE  
MELAMINE **RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 9813**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 9, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Please cancel claims 1 to 14 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof and add the following new claims:*

15. (New) A method for producing pure melamine wherein the melamine melt prepared from urea in a high-pressure process, optionally after stripping of the off-gases and optionally after dwelling in an ageing container, is cooled to a temperature which is about 1 to 50 °C above the melting point of melamine dependent on the respective ammonia pressure, with the addition of ammonia, after which quenching is effected with water or an aqueous ammonia- and/or melamine-containing solution or suspension and the melamine is solidified and isolated.

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